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Maximum Draft

10.4' = 10' 4.8"

LOUISVILLE DISTRICT

L&D 52's Lower Gage

9.9

LOCKS AND DAM 52 OHIO RIVER MILE 938.9

CORRECTED DRAFT RESTRICTIONS FOR TOWS USING

THE 1200-FOOT CHAMBER

Effective immediately draft restrictions are in effect for the Main (1200-Foot) lock chamber at Locks and Dam 52 in accordance with the chart below. Vessels meeting the chart restrictions will be allowed to lock through the 1200' chamber. Extreme caution must be exercised in the vicinity of the lower sill. "Slow speed" and "no driving over the lower sill" will be mandatory.

Please take note of the list below. It contains the water levels that are currently approved through the Corps and the Marine Industry Ice Committee.

Gage readings are in feet and tenths of feet - each tenth of a foot equals 1.2 inches

| Permitted to Lock | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 8.5' | 9.0' = 9' 0'' |
| 8.6' | 9.1' = 9' 1.2" |
| 8.7' | 9.2' = 9' 2.4" |
| 8.8' | 9.3' = 9' 3.6" |
| 8.9' | 9.4' = 9' 4.8" |
| 9.0' | 9.5' = 9' 6.0" |
| 9.1' | 9.6' = 9' 7.2" |
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Tows with drafts exceeding the chart guidelines will be locked through the auxiliary (600-foot) lock chamber. Draft determination will be made by the U.S. Coast Guard and/or Corps of Engineers personnel.

All users are urged to exercise extreme caution and comply fully with the Lockmaster's instructions. Cooperation of all concerned is solicited in the interest of uninterrupted service at this facility.